

THE SOLDIER BOYS.

Critical Comparison of the New York and Keystone Guardsmen.

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On Technical Points, but the Latter Knew How to Get There.

BENEFITS OF A THOROUGH TRAINING

The two object lessons of the year in a military way have been the mobilization of the New York National Guard at Buffalo and of the Pennsylvania National Guard at Homestead, says a writer in the New York Times.

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Every organization in the Pennsylvania Guard goes into camp one year—into a regimental camp one year, brigade camp the next, division camp the year following.

Under the New York system, with the exceptions of the Adjutant General, the Inspector General, the Surgeon General, the General Inspector of Rifle Practice, and the Chief of Ordnance, who, by the way, is under bonds for the faithful and honest discharge of his duties, the staff is worthless and useless appendage.

After criticizing the staff of the N. Y. S. N. G., saying, "The staff of the N. Y. S. N. G. is, on the whole, a parcel of wooden heads, who know more about drawing checks for campaign funds or for wine suppers in honor of the faithful and honest discharge of their duties, than they do of the duties and requirements of the honorable and honored commission which they carry," the writer adds: "In view of all these facts, it is not surprising that after the splendid concentration of troops at Buffalo, the troops should have gone to bed shelterless and half starved.

When the Pennsylvania troops reached Homestead the men carried three days' rations. The division commissary General, Colonel Curtin, bought all the supplies, and distributed them to the Brigade Commissaries, who, in turn, furnished them to the Regimental Commissary.

At Homestead, however, the troops were concentrated in one spot, and the work of the Commissary and Quartermaster, even with the excellent system—which, after all, is that of the regular army—was comparatively easy, while at Buffalo they were widely scattered. Had each of the companies of the New York guard been supplied with a company cook, much of the discomfort and trouble over food would have been obviated.

The Pennsylvania guardman flourishes on a basis of 19 cents a day when in camp. He cooks the State's New York \$1 a day for every soldier who goes into camp at Peekskill. The West Point cadet pays 50 cents a day for his fare, and excellent fare it is. In Pennsylvania food is cooked by men detailed from the companies for the purpose. In New York the job is let out by contract, and politics has more or less to do with the matter, too.

As for the conduct of the troops in camp, the care and appearance of their equipment, discipline, the observance of ceremonials, the credit must be awarded to the New York guardsmen. In Homestead officers and

men hobbled altogether too familiarly, officers by their civilian names, and were seen daily standing up at a bar in uniform drinking with their men. Nothing of this occurred at Buffalo. Again, the Pennsylvania is shamefully careless in the matter of paying tribute to superior rank. Very few of the rank and file of the Keystone National Guard considered it worth while to salute a general officer or even the Colonel of their regiment. Even sentries who ought to have known better frequently let field officers cross their post without a present arms. One day General Snowden and General Wiley, walking up Carnegie Hill together, passed from 20 to 30 private soldiers who were lounging on the sward, but not one arose to salute his superiors.

On the other hand the strict attention of the New York guardsmen to this little ceremonial was carried so far as to be almost ludicrous. On several occasions your correspondent went over the lines in the "pony" or observation engine, under the escort of Arthur Leonard of the New York Central road. Invariably, as the engine whizzed by an outpost or a guard tent or a sentry, the guard was turned out, and the sentry came to present, the only justification for this politeness arising from the fact that the "pony" was used by general officers, or officers in command of the camps, to familiarize themselves with the lay of the position of the different troops.

A Ruler's severe Criticism. In the set-up of the men the New York troops are unquestionably the superior, as they are in all the technicalities of the drill. They are neater in appearance, take better care of their clothing, their equipment and their guns, and are held under stronger discipline. It is not too much to say that a rusty piece was the exception at Buffalo. It was the rule at Homestead. And so with standing in the ranks. The New York troops attended strictly to business. The Pennsylvania gap-d, chewed tobacco or gum, and conversed without interruption. The cheerfulness of the troops of both States and their eagerness to do the work assigned were exceedingly creditable to both organizations. At Homestead as well as at Buffalo was the apprehension that some of the men would lose their places when they returned home.

During the time the troops were at Homestead not one of General Snowden's staff visited Pittsburgh except Commissary Curtin, who went in daily in the line of duty at 9 a. m. and returned to Homestead at 10 p. m., and Dr. Hudekoper, who was detailed to convey 150,000 rounds of ammunition from the Allegheny Arsenal. At Buffalo, however, widespread murmuring was heard, not only from members of companies, but from field officers, over the poor quality of their fare, with expressed determination to leave their commands temporarily for the comforts and luxuries of the Buffalo hotels.

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DIED. AUSTIN—On Monday, September 12, 1892, at 11:30 p. m., ARTHUR D. AUSTIN, in the 65th year of his age.

CARRIG—On Tuesday, September 13, 1892, at 2:30 a. m., WILLIAM CARRIG, aged 29 years. Funeral from his late residence, 348 Ligden street, on Thursday at 9:30 a. m.

CONLEY—On Tuesday, September 13, 1892, at 8:30 p. m., FRANCES CONLEY, in the 78th year of her age, at his residence, 57 Ann street, Allegheny.

CUNNINGHAM—On Monday, September 12, 1892, at 8:20 p. m., DELLA, widow of Thomas Cunningham, dec'd., formerly of 1725 Liberty avenue, Pittsburgh.

GOLDEN—On Monday, September 12, 1892, at 7:55 a. m., PATRICK GOLDEN, aged 54 years. Funeral from the residence of Thomas O'Malley, 210 West Carson street, on Wednesday at 9 o'clock.

JOHNSON—On Tuesday, September 13, 1892, at 8:30 a. m., MARGARET JOHNSON, in the 80th year of her age, at her residence, 101 West Carson street, on Thursday at 2 o'clock.

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